IN THE CLAIMS

The pending claims are as follows:

1-3.   (Cancelled).

4.   (Previously Presented)   A security system comprising:

a verifier for determining an authorization to process protected material, based on one or more responses to one or more requests; and

5   a timer for measuring response times associated with the one or more responses to the one or more requests,

wherein

the verifier determines the authorization based at least in part on an assessment of the response times, and wherein

10   the response times are correlated to a physical proximity between a first source of the one or more requests and a second source of the one or more responses.

5.   (Previously Presented)   A security system comprising:

a verifier for determining an authorization to process protected material, based on one or more responses to one or more requests, and

5   a timer for measuring response times associated with the one or more responses to the one or more requests,

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wherein

the verifier determines the authorization based at least
in part on an assessment of the response times, and wherein

10   the assessment of the response times forms an assessment
of whether the one or more responses were communicated via a
network connection.

6.   (Previously Presented)   A security system comprising:

a verifier for determining an authorization to process
protected material, based on one or more responses to one or more
requests, and

5   a timer for measuring response times associated with the
one or more responses to the one or more requests,

wherein

the verifier determines the authorization based at least
in part on an assessment of the response times, and wherein

10   the assessment of the response times forms an assessment
of whether the one or more responses were immediately available, or
whether the one or more responses were a result of a determination.

7.   (Previously Presented)   A processing system comprising:

a renderer for receiving a plurality of data items
corresponding to a data set, and for producing therefrom a
rendering corresponding to a select data item;

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5   a verifier, operably coupled to the renderer, for

precluding the rendering corresponding to the select data item in

dependence upon whether other data items of the plurality of data

items are available to the renderer; and

         a timer, operably coupled to the verifier and the

10   renderer, for measuring response times associated with responses to

requests for the other data items from the renderer,

         wherein

         the verifier precludes the rendering based at least in

part on an assessment of the response times.

8.   (Previously Presented)   The processing system as claimed in

claim 7, wherein

         the assessment of the response times corresponds to a

determination of whether the other data items are located in

5   physical proximity to the renderer.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The processing system as claimed in

claim 7, wherein

         the verifier is configured to form the assessment based on

at least one of:

5   an average of the response times,

             a comparison of the response times to one or more

threshold times, and

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a statistical test based on the response times.

10. (Previously Presented) The processing system as claimed in claim 7, wherein

the verifier is configured to randomly select the other data items.

11-13. Cancelled).